

September 19, 2018

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao Secretary U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590 The Honorable Andrew Wheeler Acting Administrator U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20460

Re: Request for Deadline Extension for the Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles Rule (Docket: EPA-HQ-OAR-2018-0283)

Dear Secretary Chao and Acting Administrator Wheeler:

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have proposed the Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles Rule for Model Years 2021-2026 Passengers Cars and Light Trucks. Public comments on the proposal are due to the EPA by October 23, 2018. The Alliance to Save Energy respectfully requests a 60-day extension of this deadline.

An extension of the SAFE Vehicles Rule public comment deadline is necessary for a complete evaluation and analysis of the proposal, which is technically complex and would have significant national energy efficiency policy implications. An extension will help organizations like the Alliance provide the substantive comments NHTSA and EPA need to fully evaluate the proposal and its potential effects on the transportation sector, the environment, and overall U.S. energy productivity. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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